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TO: Agency Heads, Human Resource and Information Technology Directors.

FROM: SHARP Project Steering Committee
Robert Mackey, Director, Division of Accounts and Reports
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SUBJECT: SHARP 8.9 Upgrade Project

The Department of Administration officially started the latest upgrade project to the Statewide Human Resource and Payroll System (SHARP) on February 20, 2006. The implementation of the SHARP system upgrade from PeopleSoft version 8.0 to version 8.9 is planned for the summer of 2007.

This project is the third major upgrade to the SHARP system since the initial implementation in 1995. The focus for this project is to bring forward existing functionality and avoid new modifications to reduce cost and risk to the project. This approach also minimizes the amount of changes to State agency SHARP system users.

The SHARP project is a cooperative effort between the Division of Accounts and Reports, Division of Information Systems and Communications, Division of Personnel Services and state agencies. The SHARP Project Steering Committee is comprised of the Directors from the three Divisions. The Project Director, Managers, and Team leads are listed below.

- Robert Mackey, Director, Division of Accounts and Reports
- Denise Moore, Director, Division of Information Systems and Communications
- George Vega, Director, Division of Personnel Services
- Duncan Friend, Project Director, Division of Information Systems and Communications (DISC).
- Connie Guerrero, Human Resources/ Benefits Manager, Division of Personnel Services
- Brent Smith, Human Resources Team Lead
- Janice Magathan, Payroll Manager, Division of Accounts and Reports
- Lisa Kerwin, Payroll Team Lead
- Sarah Gigous, Programming/Analysis Supervisor, DISC
- Truett Reed, Application Security Team, DISC
- Loren Westerdale, Technical Manager, DISC
- Jay Coverdale, Infrastructure Security Team

A Change Management team will also be in place throughout the upgrade project to provide you with on-going information about the project. Project information will be distributed in a variety of forums such as the ASTRA Meeting, HR Informational Meetings, the SHARP List serv and other existing forms of communication between the Department of Administration and SHARP users. All project communication materials will be stored on the SHARP website at http://www.da.state.ks.us/sharp/

The Department is committed to provide a smooth transition to the new software with as little disruption as possible. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to providing more detailed information as it becomes available.